

CLAIMS:

1. A method of producing a plurality of bodies, each body (10) bearing an optical structure, the optical structures being substantially equal, being associated with a respective information carrier for containing user information, and being indicative of characteristic information for providing access to the user information, characterized by the steps of:
 - 5 - producing a stamp (13) by attaching particles (14) to a surface (15) of an auxiliary body (16); and
 - using the stamp (13) to imprint an imprintable material, thereby producing the plurality of bodies, the each body (10) having at least a surface portion bearing an imprint (11) of the stamp (13).
- 10 2. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying to the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of reflecting material (22) having a surface (23) facing away from the imprint (11), which surface substantially follows the imprint (11).
- 15 3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized by the steps of:
 - applying over the imprint (11) of the each body (10) a layer of another, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30);
 - using the stamp (13) an additional time to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).
- 20 4. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized by the steps of:
 - producing an additional stamp (13') by attaching particles (14') to a surface (15') of an additional auxiliary body (16');
 - applying a layer of an other, substantially transparent, imprintable material (30) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10);
 - 25 - using the additional stamp (13') to imprint the layer of the other imprintable material (30), thereby making an additional imprint (31) on the each body (10).

5. A method as claimed in claim 3 or 4, characterized in that the imprintable material used has a first refractive index, and the other imprintable material (30) has a second refractive index, the second refractive index being different from the first refractive index.
- 5 6. A method as claimed in claim 3 or 4, characterized by the step of interposing a substantially transparent separation layer (32) between the imprint (11) and the layer of the other imprintable material (30) of the each body (10).
7. A method as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the imprintable material
10 used has a first refractive index, and the separation layer (32) has a third refractive index, the third refractive index being different from the first refractive index.
8. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized by the step of applying a substantially transparent covering layer (20) over the imprint (11) of the each body (10).
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9. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is a laminated body comprising a reflective layer (21).
10. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the each body (10) is
20 integral with the respective information carrier (40).
11. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 4, characterized in that particles of diamond are used as the particles (14).
- 25 12. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 4, characterized in that particles having a size ranging between 100 nm and 1 μ m are used as the particles (14).